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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 25, 34 and 37 as follows:

1. (Cancel) An optical information recording medium comprising a disk-shaped transparent substrate and a recording layer for recording, reproducing or erasing information by irradiation of laser light, the recording layer being formed over the substrate, wherein

the recording layer comprises information tracks including groove tracks and land tracks that are formed alternately in a radial direction of the disk,